CLAIMS

1. (Previously presented) A method of manufacturing a heat treated coated glazing panel comprising the steps of:

providing a coated glazing panel comprising a sheet of glass, a transparent coating supported at at least one of the major surfaces of the sheet of glass and a protective coating comprising an organic or acrylic paint covering the transparent coating;

subjecting the coated glazing panel to a heat treatment process in a furnace at a temperature of at least 550°C;

causing at least partial degradation of the protective coating during the heat treatment process.

- 2. (Original) A method in accordance with Claim 1, comprising the additional step of subsequently removing traces of the protective coating following the heat treatment process.
- 3. (Previously presented) A method in accordance with Claim 1, in which during heat treatment, the protective coating is transformed into a powder.
- 4. (Previously presented) A method in accordance with Claim 1, in which the heat treatment process comprises tempering the glazing panel.
- 5. (Original) A method in accordance with Claim 4 in which tempering is carried out in a furnace without the use of a heat balance system.

- 6. (Presently presented) A method in accordance with Claim 1, in which the step of subsequently removing traces of the protective coating comprises treating the glazing panel in an industrial glass washing machine.
- 7. (Previously presented) A method in accordance with Claim 1, in which the transparent coating in an infra red reflecting coating.
- 8. (Previously presented) A method in accordance with Claim 1, in which the glazing panel is a heat treatable glazing panel.
- 9. (Previously presented) A method in accordance with Claim 1, in which the transparent coating is a sputter deposited coating and comprises a metal silver containing layer having a thickness of between 5nm and 30nm sandwiched between dielectric layers.
 - 10. (Withdrawn) A heat treatable glazing panel comprising, in order:a glass sheet;a transparent, infra red reflective coating layer; anda protective coating comprising a layer of organic or acrylic paint.
- 11. (Withdrawn) A substantially haze free treated glazing panel comprising, in order:

a glass sheet;

a transparent, infra red reflecting coating layer deposited on the glass sheet prior to heat treatment; and

traces of a layer of organic or acrylic paint.

12. (Previously presented) A method in accordance with Claim 3, in which the powder is absorbent with respect to infra red radiation.